## FRENCH INDO-CHINA

them	_	free	ne government given land
and exe	mption from y	ears of tax much	ation? It was asking to
require state-furnished labour as well.			
The colonists <sup>5</sup> chief grievance was that the state did			
			nothing to
assur	e them a labou	r supply, nor	to protect them from the malefactions
of	employees.	The crowning	g blow came in 1896, when French
ju	ıstice was larç	gely substitu	ated for Annamite in Tonkin. Corporal
pun	nishments were	suppressed	, and prison penalties
commuted to days of forced labour. The lack of a native <i>etat civil</i> made it			
01 1010	ed labour. The	lack of a fla	
trace	a delinquent e	mployee wh	impossible to o had taken flight. All
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τ	to Europeans,	and a traffi	c in false names and
flanniah	and Matirea for	und oo oolor	identity cards
Hourish	ied. Natives io	una, so coloi	nists claimed, that the new code was
much	a loce covere t	han the old	so that they felt less
muci	i less severe t	nan the olu,	than even their
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orumar	y scrupies abo	ut breaking	spirit moved
to leave	-which was o	often Legal	prosecution involved
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	and the exper	nditure of tir	ne and money, for the
	and the enper		plantations
far f	from the courts	. Wails of an	ger from the colonists
			found
ia tie de	esiderata of the	e Chambers	of Agriculture. At the
			end
of	i perio	d it was ger	nerally conceded that
		_	metayage had been a
in ai	iding the pacif	ication of th	e country, but that it
a f	failure. The na	tives have r	never recovered from
at ti	ibe usurpatior	of their lar	nd, and on those vast
was	s no opportuni	ty for ameli	oration through close
	piaster and e	employer.	
The	for	French p	prestige makes it
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-	e for the	to prosecu	te colonists. Their
constant interference			
10		planters far	too powerful in
administrative protect any malefactor they wanted. The state wished			
fat* ao internacdiaiy between itself and the			
			natives. The govern-

timidity in regulating 'the triangular relationship

of tad with itself characterized the early
stages of

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of regulation was to force the employer 10 off his from *cmmee* service: 'Only a

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